

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A container having an integral lid comprising:
 - (a) a wall interconnecting a rim having a first diameter and a bottom;
 - (b) a lid having a peripheral edge and being hingedly connected to said wall at a position adjacent said rim; and
 - (c) a groove in said wall disposed entirely below said rim, said peripheral edge of said lid being captured in said groove when said lid is closed and positioned below said rim to seal said lid.
2. A container as defined in claim 1 wherein said lid has a second diameter, said second diameter being larger than said first diameter.
3. A container as defined in claim 1 wherein said groove is disposed further below said rim on said wall opposite the hinged connection of said lid to said wall than the hinged connection.
4. A container as defined in claim 1 wherein said hinged connection of said lid is disposed below said rim.
5. A container as defined in claim 4 which further includes a score line defining said hinged connection.
6. A container as defined in claim 5 wherein said score line extends for a segment along said wall of between approximately 35 to 60° degrees.
7. A container as defined in claim 4 wherein said groove commences and ends at opposite ends of said hinged connection.

8. A container as defined in claim 1 wherein said lid further includes a pull tab disposed opposite said hinged connection.
9. A container as defined in claim 8 wherein said lid has perforations adjacent said pull tab for permitting removal of a portion of said lid to define an opening for dispensing contents within said container.
10. A container as defined in claim 2, wherein said lid, when open, has a generally outward contour similar to that of said wall but, when closed, has an inward contour extending into the inner portion of said container.
11. A container as defined in claim 10 wherein the periphery of said lid is adapted to seat within the entirety of said groove.